

REMARKS

INTRODUCTION:

In accordance with the foregoing, claim 11 has been amended. No new matter is being presented, and approval and entry are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-15, 17-21, and 23-31 are pending and under consideration. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

ENTRY OF RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116:

Applicants request entry of this Rule 116 Response and Request for Reconsideration because:

(a) it is believed that the amendment of claim 11 puts this application into condition for allowance;

(b) the amendment was not earlier presented because the Applicants believed in good faith that the cited prior art did not disclose the present invention as previously claimed;

(c) the amendment of claim 11 should not entail any further search by the Examiner since no new features are being added or no new issues are being raised; and/or

(d) the amendment does not significantly alter the scope of the claims and places the application at least into a better form for appeal.

The Manual of Patent Examining Procedures sets forth in §714.12 that "[a]ny amendment that would place the case either in condition for allowance or in better form for appeal may be entered." (Underlining added for emphasis) Moreover, §714.13 sets forth that "[t]he Proposed Amendment should be given sufficient consideration to determine whether the claims are in condition for allowance and/or whether the issues on appeal are simplified." The Manual of Patent Examining Procedures further articulates that the reason for any non-entry should be explained expressly in the Advisory Action.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102:

In the Office Action, at page 2-3, claims 11, 21, 23, 24, and 26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by US Publication No. 2002/0033436 to Peng et al. (hereafter, Peng). This rejection is traversed and reconsideration is requested.

Claim 11 has been amended to recite, in part: "wherein one of the supporting arm and the jig frame is formed with a slot shaped like an arc and guiding rotation of the supporting arm relative to the jig frame within a predetermined angle, and the other one is provided with a guide

projection inserted in and guided by the slot.”

It is respectfully submitted that Peng recites using guide slots with a plurality of notches (col. 2, paragraph 37), as shown in FIG. 3a of Peng, recited below for the Examiner's convenience:

The guide slots 331 are provided with a plurality of notches 332 for positioning the first links 321. There are five notches 332 shown in FIG. 3a. After the angle between the first support 31 and the third support 33 is adjusted, the first links 321 are located in the notches 332.

Clearly, FIG. 3a of Peng does not show the arcuate slot, as described above, of the present invention, but instead shows a straight slot with notches on one side.

Thus, amended claim 11 is submitted not to be anticipated under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) by US Publication No. 2002/0033436 to Peng et al. Since claims 12, 21, 23, 24, and 26 depend from amended claim 11, claims 12, 21, 23, 24, and 26 are submitted not to be anticipated under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) by US Publication No. 2002/0033436 to Peng et al. for at least the reasons that amended claim 11 is submitted not to be anticipated under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) by US Publication No. 2002/0033436 to Peng et al.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER:

Claims 1-10, 15, 17-20, 27-29 and 31 are allowed.

Applicants thank the Examiner for her careful consideration and allowance of claims 1-10, 15, 17-20, 27-29 and 31.

Claims 12-14 and 25 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 11 has been amended to recite, in part: “wherein one of the supporting arm and the jig frame is formed with a slot shaped like an arc and guiding rotation of the supporting arm relative to the jig frame within a predetermined angle, and the other one is provided with a guide projection inserted in and guided by the slot.” Since Peng does not teach or suggest said arcuate slot, it is respectfully submitted that amended claim 11 is allowable over Peng. Since claims 12-14 and 25 depend from amended claim 11, claims 12-14 and 25 are submitted to be allowable over Peng for at least the reasons that amended claim 11 is allowable over Peng.

CONCLUSION:

In accordance with the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all outstanding objections and rejections have been overcome and/or rendered moot, and further, that all pending claims patentably distinguish over the prior art. Thus, there being no further

outstanding objections or rejections, the application is submitted as being in condition for allowance which action is earnestly solicited. At a minimum, this Amendment should be entered at least for purposes of Appeal as it either clarifies and/or narrows the issues for consideration by the Board.

If the Examiner has any remaining issues to be addressed, it is believed that prosecution can be expedited and possibly concluded by the Examiner contacting the undersigned attorney for a telephone interview to discuss any such remaining issues.

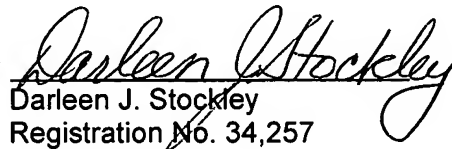
If there are any underpayments or overpayments of fees associated with the filing of this Amendment, please charge and/or credit the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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